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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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LIMDIS - FOR AMBASSADOR STEARNS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:BEXP, IV

SUBJECT: ISC/SODESCURE DISPUTE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RECEIVED LETTER FROM S. WILLIAM FULLER, JR. OF HOWELL, HOWELL, LILES AND BRADDOCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 901 BLACKSTONE BUILDING, JACKSONVILLE, FLA. 32202, DATED MARCH 10, 1977, ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR SMITH, APPARENTLY FORWARDED BY EMBASSY TO DEPARTMENT.

2. QUOTE: THIS LAW FIRM REPRESENTS GULFSTREAM STEEL CORPORATION IN A CIVIL MATTER WHEREIN LANG AFRIQUE INCORPORATED IS SUING IT FOR ALLEGED DEFECTIVE VALVES FURNISHED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUGAR REFINERY. THIS SUGAR REFINERY IS LOCATED NEAR THE VILLAGE OF FERKESSEDOUGOU AND APPROXIMATELY 400 MILES FROM ABIDJAN. LANG AFRIQUE WAS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR SODESUCRE.

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WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION OF ANY CLAIMS OF THE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS SUGAR REFINERY, OR INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OTHER LAWSUITS INVOLVING ANY PARTIES MENTIONED.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, WAS THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ANY

WAY CONNECTED WITH, HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF, OR ASKED TO ASSIST
LANG AFRIQUE IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THIS CONSTRUC-
TION?

ANY INFORMATION AND HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE IN THIS MATTER
WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED. VERY TRULY YOURS, S. WILLIAM
FULLER, JR. END QUOTE.

3. REQUEST DETAILED SUMMARY BY POST OF ANSWERS TO SUB-
STANTIVE QUESTIONS RAISED PARAS 2 AND 3 OF LETTER.

4. REQUEST POST INDICATE INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS
CASE, THE RELEASE OF WHICH WOULD BE A) DAMAGING TO OUR
RELATIONS WITH THE GOIC OR B) PREJUDICE OUR ABILITY IN THE
FUTURE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE FROM
U.S. FIRMS.

5. ARE POST FILES ON THIS SUBJECT COMPLETE? HAVE ANY
FILES BEEN RETIRED?

6. SUGGEST POST PREPARE DRAFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LETTER,
ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF LETTER SUCCINCTLY.
POST SHOULD SUBMIT DRAFT TO DEPT BY CABLE FOR LEGAL RE-
VIEW BEFORE TRANSMITTING TO LAW FIRM.

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